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H.B. No. 10

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to meetings of the Legislative Budget Board conducted
3 through the use of certain telecommunication devices.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 322.003, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

7 (d) As an exception to Chapter 551 and other law, if the
8 chairman and vice chairman of the board are physically present at a
9 meeting, any number of the other members of the board may attend a
10 meeting of the board by use of telephone conference call, video
11 conference call, or other similar telecommunication device. This
12 subsection applies for purposes of constituting a quorum, for
13 purposes of voting, and for any other purpose allowing a member of
14 the board to otherwise fully participate in any meeting of the
15 board. This subsection applies without exception with regard to
16 the subject of the meeting or topics considered by the members.

17 (e) A meeting held by use of telephone conference call,
18 video conference call, or other similar telecommunication device:

19 (1) is subject to the notice requirements applicable
20 to other meetings;

21 (2) must specify in the notice of the meeting the
22 location of the meeting at which the chairman and vice chairman will
23 be physically present;

24 (3) must be open to the public and shall be audible to

1 the public at the location specified in the notice of the meeting as
2 the location of the meeting at which the chairman and vice chairman
3 will be physically present; and

4 (4) must provide two-way audio communication between
5 all members of the board attending the meeting during the entire
6 meeting, and if the two-way audio communication link with any
7 member attending the meeting is disrupted at any time the meeting
8 may not continue until the two-way audio communication link is
9 reestablished.

10 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies in
11 relation to a notice given on or after the effective date of this
12 Act of a meeting of the Legislative Budget Board.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
14 last day of the legislative session.